

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Chim*, Gobble, Reilly,
Robbins, and Chairperson Griffiths.

Absent: Commissioner Watson.

Also Present: Deputy Community Development Director Cessna.

*Commissioner Chim arrived at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Gobble moved to grant Commissioner Watson an excused absence for the May 3, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, moved to accept and file the report of the secretary on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6A. MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2011, MARCH 1, 2012, AND APRIL 5, 2012

MOTION: Commissioner Gobble moved to approve the March 3, 2011, March 1, 2012, and April 5, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Watson).

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

7A. ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR 2012

Deputy Director Cessna led a discussion about plans for the June 9 Environmental Fair at the City Yard. She noted that a spreadsheet showing participating vendors was included in agenda materials. She reported that additionally Tupperware, Surfrider, Senator Lieu, and Public Works Recycling would be participating. She stated that staff is looking for a solar panel vendor and that Republic "Trash for Teaching" has

expressed interest in providing a recycling relay. She reported that Plug In America, a green building presentation by Fred Koch, and Los Angeles County's composting workshops are also being planned. She pointed out that Walsers' e-waste recycling and bark chips would be offered at the Courthouse. She stated that the Commission would be providing a drawing contest, ladybugs, electric vehicle display, and grocery bags, and asked Commissioners for any additional ideas.

In response to Commissioner Chim's inquiries, she stated that there would be no opening ceremony and that the Police Department was in charge of food vendors.

Commissioner Gobble suggested showcasing the City's new green waste truck and green waste recycling schedule, the City's website for electric vehicle charging stations and alternative fueling stations, the City's natural gas vehicles and bus, and photographs of solar homes in Torrance.

Chairperson Griffiths concurred that it is important to show what the City has been doing environmentally.

Commissioner Robbins suggested showing visitors the proper way to recycle and Commissioner Chim suggested displaying examples of recyclable items.

8., 9. INFORMATION ITEMS & ORAL COMMUNICATION

9A. Deputy Director Cessna informed Commissioners that South Bay Environmental Services Center would be giving a presentation on the carbon community footprint and beginnings of climate action planning in the next couple of months.

9B. Deputy Director Cessna stated that City Council passed the bird feeding ordinance.

9C. Commissioner Gobble discussed steps that South California Edison is taking to address electrical peak demand this summer.

9D. Commissioner Reilly stated that she is purchasing a Tesla and that her home now has a 500 watt solar system.

9E. Deputy Director Cessna announced a Commissioner Training on May 9, 2012 and that Commission appointments are expected later in the month.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:47 p.m., Commissioner Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting to June 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Gobble seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Griffiths so ordered.

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| Approved as Submitted June 7, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk |
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